

Chronology of Events Concerning the Ashley Subcommittee's Use of the Fiat Paper

Sometime ago (as I recall it was during the summer), the State Department contacted ORR regarding a paper which ORR had prepared on the USSR/Fiat agreement. I believe the paper, in its original form, was classified. The State Department was desirous of using the information in this paper with Representative Ashley's Subcommittee on International Trade.

Arrangements were worked out between the Agency and the Department of State for CIA to do an unclassified version of this document. Again, it is my recollection that someone in the office of the DD/I discussed this situation with the Director who indicated that if any use was to be made of this paper, it was to be with CIA attribution. Mr. Houston became the point of contact on this with Ambassador MacArthur's office (a Mr. Miller). I do not recall that the question of the Subcommittee's publication came up as a specific item at that time, but the paper was given to the Subcommittee and this has since been reported in the press and in the Subcommittee's report.

Following the Subcommittee's trip to the Soviet Union (and Czechoslovakia), I received a call on 27 December 1966 from Jim Colbert, State Department Office of Soviet Affairs, indicating that the Subcommittee

wished to publish the Fiat paper in its report. I suggested that the Subcommittee staff contact us directly on this. The next day, Dick Cook, of the Subcommittee staff, called and made this request. We had been in touch with Mr. Morell on this subject throughout and I kept him informed of these developments. I am quite sure that he, in turn, consulted with either the DD/I or the A/DD/I.

In connection with this whole subject, it should be recalled that there had been detailed conversations with the Director on the subject of the Agency's involvement in publications. This went back to the George Carver article in FOREIGN AFFAIRS magazine and was again discussed at length in connection with the Joint Economic Committee's request for Agency assistance in the preparation of its report on the Chinese Communist economy. It was reported to me that the Director decided (with respect to the JEC matter) that Agency authors could make contributions to the JEC paper, that their names could be used and that there could be a general reference to the fact that Agency assistance was obtained in the preparation of this report. It is also my understanding that there was specific question of the Agency preparing an attributable piece on the Chinese Communist balance of payments.

In our discussions with ORR concerning the Ashley Subcommittee request, there was reference to the earlier discussions with the Director on the JEC matter and a response that Mr. Smith had discussed this matter at length with the Director, that the Director was aware that ORR was

publishing these documents and that they might conceivably be reprinted by anyone wishing to do so. I am not certain whether anyone in the DD/I specifically raised the question with the Director regarding the Ashley Subcommittee use of the Fiat paper. I did, however, raise this point with Mr. Proctor who again referred to Smith's conversations with the Director on the subject and, in response to my question, said he saw no need for raising this question at the 9:00 meeting. Notwithstanding this, I raised this point at the 9:00 meeting during the Christmas week. I indicated that we were planning to give the Subcommittee permission to reprint the paper. At that time, Mr. Proctor acknowledged that this was in keeping with prior discussions. Admiral Taylor, who was sitting in the Chair at the time, asked that a copy be made available to him for his information. This was done. I subsequently advised Mr. Cook, of the Subcommittee staff, of the Agency's permission to reprint the document in the Subcommittee's report. All of these discussions were made a matter of record by individual Journal items.